for exhausting the surplus on nation-building activities. On the contrary that is the one point on which I do heartily congratulate Government. My complaint is against the regularly increasing expenditure on administration which every page of the budget will bear witness to. The lesson that the Government learned at the end of 1106 gave them their senses for about one year. In 1107 with a desperate attempt they managed to bring down the expenditure by Rs. 19 lakhs so that, in spite of a further fall of about Rs. 8 lakhs in revenue, the year ended with a surplus of Rs. 39 lakhs. But fortunately or unfortunately new sources of income arose. Cochin Harbour began to pay and a new duty was imposed on matches. These two items alone are expected to bring in 1112 an income of about Rs. 30 lakhs not dreamt of in 1107. It is expected that, with the help of these two items, the revenue for 1112 will be Rs. 245·92 lakhs, *i. e.*, Rs. 26·64 lakhs above that on 1107.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : We shall now proceed to the motion for the adjournment of the business of the House.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : My object in asking leave of the House was to urge upon the necessity for reducing the school fees. The main reason has—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : We are more concerned with the fortunes o the adjournment motion. So you do not propose to move the motion ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : I do not propose to move the motion.—

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : I was saying that the two items of income namely that from the Cochin Harbour and the duty on matchss are expected to contribute about Rs. 30 lakhs in 1112 thereby bringing the revenue to Rs. 245·92 lakhs, that is Rs. 26·64 lakhs above that of 1107. But where does the expenditure stand ? It is Rs 17·96 lakhs above that of 1107 and Rs. 14·58 lakhs above even that for 1104 when we had the highest revenue on record. If this has been the result of the strenuous effort of Government at economy during the years of depression, may God save us from their economy! The present budget shows a surplus. This being the last budget which this House has to discuss, it is indeed gratifying to think that we are handing over a prosperous budget to our successors. But if we are to draw any reasonable conclusion from the experience we have had hitherto, we find no reason to share the optimism of the Financial Secretary. Instead of a surplus of Rs. 2,25,000 estimated for 1110, we had a deficit of Rs. 4,45,000. And though the budget estimate for 1111 was Rs. 242 lakhs, the revised estimate already stands Rs. 12,28,000 less than that. If, in spite of these unhappy experiences, the budget estimate for 1112 expects a revenue of Rs. 16,64,000 above the revised estimate for 1111, we have to be very cautious in being a party to this estimate.

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